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Re: CenturyTel Wireless, Inc.

Quarterly Report on TTY Digital Deployment

CC Docket No. 94-102

Dear Ms. Salas:

Pursuant to the Commission's request, CenturyTel Wireless, Inc., through its undersigned counsel, hereby submits its second quarterly report summarizing its efforts toward implementing TTY access to 911 over its digital wireless systems. CenturyTel Wireless understands that the Commission's TTY 911 requirements do not currently apply to analog wireless systems. CenturyTel Wireless submits this report on behalf of the wireless carriers listed on Exhibit A.

CenturyTel Wireless utilizes Nortel Networks ("Nortel") wireless switches. CenturyTel Wireless is relying on the plans of its handset vendors and Nortel in order to comply with the Commission's TTY 911 requirements.

#### 1. Network infrastructure software development.

Nortel reports that its software development is complete, and that it has also finished its product test.

# 2. <u>Handset development and testing plans.</u>

CenturyTel Wireless is working with its handset vendors to confirm the vendors' handset development and testing plans.

#### 3. Beta testing and lab testing.

CenturyTel Wireless intends to conduct field testing upon receipt of the switch software upgrade from Nortel. With respect to handset testing, CenturyTel Wireless will conduct any necessary tests once handsets are available.

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### 4. Release and general availability to carriers of network infrastructure software.

Nortel has stated to CenturyTel Wireless that it is committed to deploying the enabling software as part of the MTX10 software update for its wireless switches in accordance with the Commission's December 31, 2001, deadline. However, Nortel has also since informed CenturyTel Wireless that it expects to deliver the software on December 31, 2001 (on the date of the deadline).

#### 5. Availability to carriers of full acceptance test units.

CenturyTel Wireless is working with its handset vendors to confirm the vendors' plans for making full acceptance test units available.

# 6. <u>Efforts toward achieving digital wireless solution compatibility with enhanced TTY devices.</u>

CenturyTel Wireless is working with its handset vendors to confirm the vendors' efforts toward achieving digital wireless solution compatibility with enhanced TTY devices.

#### 7. Carrier coordination of testing with PSAPs.

CenturyTel Wireless will coordinate testing with PSAPs necessary network infrastructure is in place.

## 8. <u>Carrier testing activities.</u>

CenturyTel Wireless will schedule consumer testing after the necessary network infrastructure and handsets are available.

#### 9. Retail availability of necessary consumer equipment.

CenturyTel Wireless is working with its handset vendors to confirm expected availability of necessary consumer equipment for TTY purposes.

#### 10. Geographic scope of network infrastructure deployment.

At this time, CenturyTel Wireless cannot fully predict the geographic scope of network infrastructure deployment for TTY compliance purposes, as the geographic scope of deployment will be dependent on the availability of the necessary software upgrades as well as acceptable handsets.

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Please direct any questions regarding this report to the undersigned.

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Counsel for CenturyTel Wireless, Inc.

Ms. Susan Smith cc:

#### **EXHIBIT A**

CenturyTel Wireless, Inc. submits this report on behalf of the carriers listed below.

#### Cellular

Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenha-MSA Limited Partnership

Cellular Mobile Systems of Michigan RSA 7 Limited Partnership

Cellular North Michigan Network General Partnership

Cellunet of Biloxi, Inc.

Century Cellunet of Alexandria, Inc.

Century Cellunet of Arkansas RSA 12 Cellular Limited Partnership

Century Cellunet of LaCrosse Limited Partnership

Century Cellunet of Louisiana RSA #4 Cellular LP

Century Cellunet of Michigan RSA 4, Inc.

Century Cellunet of Michigan RSA 6 Cellular Limited Partnership

Century Cellunet of Mississippi RSA 2, Inc.

Century Cellunet of Mississippi RSA 6, Inc.

Century Cellunet of Mississippi RSA 7, Inc.

Century Cellunet of North Arkansas Cellular Limited Partnership

Century Cellunet of North Louisiana Cellular LP

Century Cellunet of Pine Bluff, Inc

Century Cellunet of Saginaw Limited Partnership

Century Cellunet of Southern Michigan Cellular Limited Partnership

Century Cellunet of Southwest Arkansas Cellular LP

CenturyTel Wireless of Mississippi RSA 5, LLC

Eau Claire Cellular Telephone LP

Jackson Cellular Telephone Company, Inc

Michigan RSA 9 Limited Partnership

Pacific Telecom Cellular of Michigan, Inc.

Pascagoula Cellular Partnership

Wisconsin RSA 1 Limited Partnership

Wisconsin RSA 2 Partnership

Wisconsin RSA 4 Limited Partnership

Wisconsin RSA 6 Limited Partnership

Wisconsin RSA 7 Limited Partnership

Wisconsin RSA 8 Limited Partnership

#### **PCS**

Century Personal Access Network, Inc.

MVI Corp.

Wisconsin RSA #7, LP